

Hartridge try out for Blues

Wycombe Wanderers 3,

Oxford University 1

LES HARTRIDGE, former Slough Town midfield star, made his first appearance for Wycombe Wanderers since suffering a leg injury on the opening day of the season, when Oxford University made a hastily arranged visit to Loakes Park on Tuesday night.

The game, substituting for the Isthmian League clash scheduled with St. Albans (they were involved in an F.A. Cup replay the previous night), drew a surprisingly large crowd — approximately 600 — despite the lack of publicity it received.

While Hartridge was quick to settle down for Wycombe, Paul Fuschillo, a recent Wanderers' signing turned out in the dark blue and white halved shirts of the University. The full-back in fact captained the British Universities side last season.

But, although Oxford had speed, skill and determination, a strong Wanderers line up ruled the evening — missing enough chances near goal to have boosted their tally even further.

Tony Horseman, who wasted a "sitter" per half, was first to score, but not until the last minute of the first half. Number two followed on soon after the interval, on 47 minutes, Larry Pritchard ramming the ball into goal from a corner action.

But score of the match went to Ted Powell, playing away from his customary defensive role. University goalkeeper Forest had absolutely no chance of stopping his first-time drive.

Forest did, however, turn a fine effort from Keith Blunt for a corner, and Oxford hit back with an 85th minute goal from a long distance shot by Smith, their number four.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: O'Brien, MacLean, Gale, Rundle, Faulkner, Baker (sub. Powell, second half), Blunt, Horseman, Pritchard, Hartridge, Hutchinson (sub. Searle, 56th minute).